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A Bill to Ban Quantum Computing Research to Avoid the Creation of Dangerous Artificial Intelligence

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 **Section 1.** All Quantum Computing Research must cease by December 31st of
2 2020 and all research archived, with a copy provided to the
3 government,

4 **Section 2.** Quantum Computing Research shall be defined as any research
5 pertaining to creating a computer that makes use of the quantum
6 states of subatomic particles to store information.

7 **Section 3.** A new Bureau named the Bureau of Technology will be created to
8 assess threats such as quantum computing, to make
9 recommendations to Congress for such things, as well as to regulate
10 bans on dangerous technology. This Agency shall be fully staffed and
11 functioning by December 31st of 2018. This Department shall be
12 established by merging the technology sections of the Office of
13 Management and Budget (OMB), the Office of Science and Technology
14 Policy (OSTP), the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National
15 Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

16 **Section 4.** This ban shall be fully implemented by December 31st of 2023. Any
17 company or business found conducting quantum computing research
18 thereafter will be investigated and heavily fined.

19 **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
20 void.

A Bill to Reauthorize the Second Chance Act of 2008

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Individuals convicted shall be sentenced to pay for and attend
3 Rehabilitation Programs that assimilates convicts into society.

4 B. 70 million dollars shall be diverted from the Department of Justice
5 who prosecute mandatory minimums.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Any crime not involving the charges of murder, but of drugs shall be
7 deemed as need for Rehabilitation.

8 B. A debt will be established to those unwilling or unable to pay.

9 C. Programs will be funded by the reauthorized Second Chance Act.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Prisons will be over
11 establishing regulations while determining appropriate funding.

12 **SECTION 4.** Programs shall be an option at the beginning of March 1, 2017.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
14 void.

A Bill to Remove Gender Discriminatory Pricing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** All stores and distributors selling “men’s” and “women’s”
2 products or services are required to sell said gendered products or
3 services of similar or like kind at the same price between genders.

4 **SECTION 2.** Gendered products shall be defined as products with
5 similar versions marketed towards men and women, typically with only
6 or mostly only differences in packaging, commonly known as the Pink
7 “Tax”.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission will oversee the
9 enforcement of this legislation, and will oversee all complaints and
10 reports under this bill. Violators of this Act will be fined \$15,000 for
11 each noticeable offense. The FTC also retains the right to determine all
12 products and/or services covered by Section 2. They will be given \$40
13 Million out of the United States Air Force Budget to oversee this change.

14 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect starting one hundred and eighty days
15 after passage.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
17 declared null and void.

A Resolution to Allow Government Control of Drones in Threatening Scenarios

WHEREAS, Terrorism and mass shootings are becoming much more rampant in recent years, and private drones have become increasingly available to the public; and

WHEREAS, A recent terrorist attack in Nice, France on Bastille Day, a public holiday, has claimed at least 84 lives and injured at least 200 people, including two Americans and 10 children; and

WHEREAS, Unmanned drones have the capability of being equipped with various weapons, from machine guns to rocket-propelled grenades, and an armed drone-flying in a public gathering has the potential to cause severe casualties; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation that the government, state or federal, has all rights to disrupt the signals and transmissions of a drone, causing it to crash, if authorities deem the drone a possible threat; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all future drones must contain a chip or transceiver that the government can access to make the disruption of such drones easier.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Elect the Presidency of the United States by Popular Vote

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
3 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which
4 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
5 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven
6 years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

7 **ARTICLE --**

8 **SECTION 1:** The President and Vice President of the United States shall be elected as
9 follows:

10 Each State and The District constituting the seat of Government of the United
11 States shall hold an election, on a day appointed by law by the Congress of
12 the United States, in which their citizens, registered to do so, shall cast a
13 single vote for President and Vice President jointly. Names of candidates may
14 not be joined unless they shall have consented thereto and no candidate may
15 consent to the candidate's name being joined with that of more than one
16 other person. The election and the counting of votes shall be conducted by an
17 organization of the Executive Branch appointed and empowered to do so by
18 the Congress of the United States. A duty of this organization shall be to put
19 the names of joined candidates who have gathered a certain number, as to be
20 determined by the Congress, of valid signatures of those eligible to vote, on
21 the ballot. The candidates for President and Vice-President receiving the
22 most votes across the entirety of the States and The District constituting the
23 seat of Government of the United States shall be the President and Vice-
24 President respectively.

25 **SECTION 2:** This article shall not be construed as limiting the ability of States and The
26 District constituting the seat of Government of the United States to establish
27 by law, early voting, mail-in voting, or other forms of voting where the ballot
28 is lawfully cast before the date established by Congress.

29 **SECTION 3:** The number of signatures needed, which shall be set by the Congress, shall
30 not exceed one Fiftieth of the population registered to vote or eligible to do
31 so, which is to be determined by the most recent census. The signatories shall

1 affix their signature in support of only one set of joined candidates, otherwise
2 their signatures shall be invalid.

3 **SECTION 4:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
4 legislation.

A Resolution to Form an Immigration Alliance with European Union Member States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** There are 4.8 million Syrian refugees in need of resettlement; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** The U.S. has only let 2,000 of the promised 10,000 in; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Germany has let 400,000 refugees into their country and forming an alliance
- 4 with Germany will aid more refugees; now, therefore, be it
- 5 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled form an alliance with European Union
- 6 Member States by promising to allow the same number of refugees in as
- 7 Europe does.

A Resolution to Fund the Creation of New Nuclear Reactor Plants

1 **WHEREAS,** The United States needs to reduce its reliance on coal-based energy; and

2 **WHEREAS,** There are 572 operating coal plants in the US that produce 33% of US energy and
3 are a major cause of carbon emissions in the nation; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Coal plants are responsible for shortening over 24,000 lives per year, as well as
5 burning 1.4 million tons of coal each year; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Nuclear power has 20 operating reactors and produces 20% of the US energy; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for \$12
9 billion dollars be diverted from the Department of Energy to be used to fund the
10 building of 5 new nuclear reactors.

A Resolution to Incentivize NASA to Fund Space Travel to Terraform Mars

1 **WHEREAS**, global warming is a proven threat to the people of the Earth; and

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3 **WHEREAS**, pollution continues to be a growing problem world-wide; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, world population continues to grow, perhaps beyond our ability to sustain life; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the United States, Russia, and China have already funded billions in space
8 technologies; now, therefore, be it

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10 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled partner with private space companies to
11 promote increased funding for space travel and the development a plan to move terraform
12 Mars in the next 100 years.

A Resolution to Include Election Day as a Federal Holiday

1 **WHEREAS,** In 2008 the voter participation rate was 58.23%; and
2 **WHEREAS,** in 2012 only 54.87% voted in the Presidential election; and
3 most voters are not able to vote due to school and or work; and
4 **WHEREAS,** on Election Day, every vote matters and therefore everyone should have a vote;
5 and
6 **WHEREAS,** our future elections will depend on the votes from the people and;
7 **WHEREAS,** every election voter participation rate is decreasing drastically; now, therefore,
8 be it
9 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States government include
10 Election Day as a Federal Holiday across the United States in hope to increase
11 voter turnout for the presidential election.

A Resolution to Prioritize US Infrastructure to Improve Citizen Safety

1 **WHEREAS,** the current state of infrastructure in the US is in massive disrepair; and

2 **WHEREAS,** there is an eighty-six-billion-dollar backlog in deferred maintenance on the
3 nation's rail and bus lines and the American Society of Civil Engineers gave
4 the country an infrastructure grade of D- with the American Recovery and
5 Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) being the first steps to rejuvenating
6 infrastructure; and

7 **WHEREAS,** unkempt infrastructure is very dangerous to the health and safety of the
8 entire population and the ARRA did not prioritize US infrastructure enough;
9 and therefore be it

10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled divert \$50 Billion from the yearly United
11 States Military Budget to improving infrastructure in the United States.

A Resolution to Raise H-1B Guest Worker Visa Immigration Fees

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The H-1B program was designed to help American companies hire
2 foreigners with exceptional skills, limited to 85,000 visas granted per
3 annum; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The application pool is currently monopolized by outsourcing firms
5 acquiring thousands of visas, dominating the lotteries; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** H-1B does not require companies to seek out U.S. workers for jobs first, only
7 to pledge that hiring a foreign worker won't adversely affect U.S. workers;
8 and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, (USCIS), is underfunded,
10 and cannot provide effective or timely processing of immigration
11 applications, reporting processing periods of up to five months instead of
12 thirty days; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** The current cost of an H-1B Visa Application is \$190, and a 42% increase to
14 \$269.80 would recover cost for services and reestablish program solvency;
15 and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** Increasing the immigration fee would discourage US corporations
17 outsourcing jobs, and increase the number of jobs available for skilled US
18 citizens; therefore be it,
- 19 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for a
20 42% increase in application fee for the H-1B visa.

A Resolution to Reinstate the Voter's Rights Act

1 **WHEREAS**, The Supreme Court has recently struck down part of the Voting Rights
2 Act; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, Texas created a law for citizens to show state-approved IDs in order to vote
5 within two hours of it's being repealed; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, Racism is still a major problem in the in the United States; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, This law made voting more equal for United states citizens to have the right
10 to vote; therefore, be it

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12 **RESOLVED**, by the Congress here assembled, that the Voter's Right Act be reinstated to
13 ensure the rights of our citizens.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to give Seventeen Year-olds the Right to Vote and Register for the Draft

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following
3 article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United
4 States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the
5 Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the
6 states within seven years from the date of its submission by the
7 Congress:

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1.** Any citizen who is seventeen and has a high school diploma or
10 equivalent will be permitted to vote upon the condition that they also
11 register for the draft.

12 **SECTION 2.** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
13 legislation.

14 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
15 void.

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